News From The ROCK

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Classes of '82, '87 Celebrate Livingston Spirit

Approximately 45 members of the Class of 1982 and their guests gathered at the Somerset Marriott Hotel on Halloween night to celebrate the class's 10th reunion.

The evening began with a cocktail hour, during which class members were able to catch up with each others' lives. There were many proud parents in attendance, as was evidenced by the repeated exclamations of, "Oh, how *cute*!" heard from various parts of the room.

The four-course dinner (which won rave reviews) was preceeded by a champagne toast.

There were two highlights during the evening, one planned, one not. The first was the appearance of Jungle Jim DJ, who supplied the few dancers with rhythmic motivation. The second (unplanned) was the appearance of a new student guide from 1978, which included many of the Class of 1982's *high school* yearbook photos. My, how we've changed.

All in all, the evening turned out to be a great success. Looking forward to seeing more of you at the 15th!

Finally, special thanks must go to the reunion committee for all their hard work:

Bill Bowman

Thèrése Dean

Brian Lowy

The Class of 1987's five-year reunion began on Halloween eve, at the Hub City Sports Bar, full of cheer, where former classmates dined on appetizers and sipped cool drinks (note that we no longer chug) as they became reacquainted with each other.

A casual atmosphere was strived for to welcome everyone back to the Hub City of New Brunswick. Candid shots of the "good old days" were gratefully provided by Sue Feller and Linda (Schumacher) Zytynski (whose considerate husband went back home for her old photo album). Nervous tension soon slipped away as the easy feeling of old friendships returned.

The night was rounded off with a raffle for a basket which contained many goodies.

A big dinner dance was planned for Halloween night, but due to a limited response (do we not know the desires of our own classmates?) it evolved into a cozy dinner at Arbijon's in the East Brunswick Sheraton.

It began with a cocktail hour accompanied by hors d'ouvres, which was followed by a delicious four-course meal. The more adventurous of the crowd took to the floor to the music provided by a D.J. Lorna Kirby did her best to get Mr. D.J. to play the Spin Doctors but (do you

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LAA Honors Life Members

As we all know, memberships are the life blood of the LAA. It's no exaggeration to say that without our dues-paying members, many of the events that have been held in the past would not have been possible.

While we owe a great indebtedness to our many regular members, there is a special group to whom we feel we must pay special tribute: The 18 Life Members, who have so generously contributed $200 to the LAA.The LAA Executive Committe extends to the following its most sincere thanks:

Walter L. Braxton III	'73	Armenic Monteiro	'87
Jo-Anne Chasnow	'78	Donald Neal, Jr.	'73
Rebecca Eden Crawford	'75	Akira Nogami	'71
Joseph D'Angelo	'77	Howard Pachasa	'79
Robert Elijah	'82	Darcy Trop	'79
Jody Gorran	'72	Robert Uhrik	'78
K. Rana Holland	'80	Anthony Vecro	'91
Robert S. Hung	'91	Jon Wanczyk	'87
Matthew Kunz	'88	Scott White	'90

Message from the President

by Jeff Isaacs
LC '84

As the new president of the Livingston Alumni Association, this is my first opportunity to formally address you.

I would like to start by saying the beginning of my tenure is also a new beginning for the LAA. I've heard from many of you the last couple of months and frankly speaking, I do not like what I've heard. I assure each and every one of you that things *will* be different. I am accustomed to winning and I do not get involved with losing endeavors.

I am prepared to stand behind the following promises:

The LAA will sponsor two events per year, one in the fall and one in the spring. We will also produce two newsletters per year, one in the winter and one in the summer. We will assist the various classes in reunion planning as well as become a visible entity on campus. I plan to do this through on-campus career roundtables, in addition to involvement with various student groups on campus and the Dean's office.

That's my end of the bargain, now what about yours? I need two things from you: I need you to support the LAA. I need each and every one of you to become members, and if geographically possible to come out to our events. If you can't come out due to geographic restrictions, please get involved in your local regional Rutgers Club.

Second, I need some of you to volunteer to join one of our committees. Help make my promises realities. I can't do it alone. We've added many new faces over the past year but we can always use more. This is *your* organization and we need *your* input to make the LAA what *you* want it to be.

To learn more or to volunteer to help, call me at my office (908) 922-9550. I am looking forward to working with you.

Livingston Alumni Win Award at '92 Homecoming

by Bob Uhrik
LC '78

The enthusiasm of Livingston Alumni at RU Homecoming '92 was better than ever. Spirited Livingston Alumni and students joined forces with the L.AA homecoming committee to help win the "Different Drummer Award".

This year the president's lawn festivities were focused on the theme of "Carnival". LAA's decorative table was the backdrop for our brightly colored and wildly ornamented costumes. The judges for the homecoming table awards were cajoled by "impromptu" LAA alumni dancers; who surely danced to the beat of a different drum!

Newsletter design & layout: Bill Bowman '82

We Need You!

by Jeff Isaacs
LC '84

As part of my committment to bring a greater LAA presence to the campus of Livingston, I am seeking alumni volunteers to participate in career counseling roundtables to be held once each spring and again each fall.

I would like to hear from as many of you as possible, for my desire is to offer as many different occupations as I may to the students. I'm only asking for two to three hours per roundtable.

This is a great opportunity for you to give a little something back to the school as well as help shape the future of a future alumnus.

To register, please call me at my office: (908) 922-9550.

LAA Seeks Volunteers for Alumni Network

by Bill Bowman
LC '82

Volunteers are needed to act as regional coordinators for the Livingston Alumni Association's Alumni Network.

Establishing an Alumni Network will allow the LAA to better publicize upcoming events and also to keep alumni informed of important issues affecting the college.

Being a regional coordinator would not take up much of your time; all we would need you to do is act as a facilitator: things such as assuring that communications are distributed in your area, coordinating phone banks, etc.

To volunteer, please call me at 908-873-0073.

Message from the Dean

by Dean Walton Johnson

It is a great pleasure to be able to tell you about the many recent developments at your alma mater. As you will see, Livingston is still pursuing its progressive, innovative approach to education and social service.

The most exciting news concerns the college self-study. Emerging from a staff task force to plan for Livingston in the year 2000, the self-study is employing a process called "stakeholder analysis" in which all of the college's constituents give input to the thinking and planning. We are conducting open-ended focus groups among students, staff, faculty, parents, alumni, trustees, and the central administration. The process is being managed by a steering committee on which representatives of all stakeholder groups are represented.

As most of Livingston's innovations have fortunately been incorporated into standard procedures here in New Brunswick, the College needs to move to its next set of frontiers. Alumni involvement is key to this process. Those of you who are further away will be receiving a questionnaire to complete and return. Those of you who are closer will be invited to one or more of the alumni focus groups here on campus. Please get involved. You may be the College's most vital resource.

In commemoration of the quincentennial anniversary of Columbus' voyage to this hemisphere, Livingston offered a highly successful mission course entitled "Beyond Columbus: Myth and Meaning in the Building of America". Designed to raise new questions and explore old ones from different points of view, the course was organized by Professor Marta Bermudez-Galleos of the Spanish and Portuguese Department. Not only did the subject matter introduce new ideas and perspectives in reviewing established teachings about the 'discovery of America', but the course design was pedagogically innovative. Specialists from inside and outside the university gave lectures on their specialties, in small group informal settings, and cultural activities in association with Native American and Latino organizations embellished Professor Bermudez's lectures. Students want this course to become a permanent part of the curriculum.

This past summer, the College launched the W.E.B.DuBois program for high achieving high school students. Aimed at African American and Latino students, the summer residential program provides intellectual stimulation and scholarly support through offerings of college level courses and extracurricular activities. Not only is this program a service to the community but it is consistent with the College's mission of academic excellence.

This fall, College staff developed and taught a course called 'Strategies for Academic Success' for students on academic probation. We combined small workshops for group counselling and advising with large lectures on topics like careers and time management. While the results of our structured evaluation are not yet available, we decided to take the students' unstructured advice and offer this as a non-credit 'advising course', for new first year students next fall.

You may have read or heard about the security problems on campus. Unfortunately, a few incidents received a great deal of publicity, making Livingston appear less safe than other Rutgers University campuses or other urban universities. The incidents did require urgent action, but Livingston is in fact safer than most campuses. Paradoxically, the

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Livingston Gym Becomes Fitness Center

Finishing touches are being made on a $1.4 million renovation/addition project for Livingston Recreation. The newly expanded Livingston Recreation Center, formerly known as Livingston Gymnasium, includes a new fitness center, conference room, main entrance and office, staff offices, and wellness center.

The new Fitness Center occupies a large part of the new space in the facility. New weight

machines from the Paramount and Nautilus lines were purchased for the room which also has free weight equipment. In addition to five Lifecycles and two rowing machines, the Fitness Center also has four new alpine climbers. A new sound system and air conditioning add to making Livingston's fitness center a greatly improved facility.

Both men's and ladies' locker rooms have been renovated and expanded with increased locker space in both areas. Each locker room also has its own sauna and handicapped-accessible restrooms.

Livingston alumni are welcome to join the Recreation Center for open recreation activities. To participate, alumni must purchase a Recreation Card which allows use of Livingston Recreation Center only. A 6-month card is available for $141 and is payable at the Main Office.

Win a Trip for Two to the Bahamas!

by Amos J. Danube
School Agent
LC '72

Would you do a service for Rutgers/Livingston that is important, fun, rewarding and requires just one evening of your time?

Volunteering a few hours of your time on one evening (or more) to call Livingston alumni for their annual gifts for Phonothon '93 will mean:

- Continuing better programs for Livingston students.
- A chance to do a service for your alma mater.
- The opportunity to meet and talk with other committed and caring alumni and friends.
- A fun-filled evening on campus, including a buffet dinner, balloons, prizes and souvenirs.
- A chance to win a 4-day/3-night trip for two to the Bahamas!

I am very glad to report that contributions by Livingston alumni helped a lot last year. I sincerely hope this trend will be continued with your help.

The recent cuts in the university and college budgets make your help even more important than in previous years to assure quality education at Livingston College.

Phonothon '93 takes place at The Rutgers Club, 199 College Avenue, New Brunswick, N.J. from March 7 through March 11, 1993. At the end of each session, one name will be drawn as a finalist to win the trip. Sessions begin at 5:30 p.m. with a buffet dinner, followed by training and orientation. During the course of the evening, drawings will be held for prizes, and souvenirs will be given to every participant.

To participate, just fill out the coupon below and drop it in the mail. If you need any more information, please feel free to call me. My phone number is (908) 932-2896 until 4 p.m., and (908) 572-2472 after 4:30 p.m.

I hope you will fill out the coupon right now. Phonothon is easy and fun. Together, we can help build and sustain programs vital to a quality education at Livingston College.

Phonothon '93

The Rutgers Club
199 College Avenue, New Bunswick, NJ 08901

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Circle the date you are volunteering for!

Sunday, March 7 Tuesday, March 9
Monday, March 8 Wednesday, March 10
Thursday, March 11

Please send the coupon to:
Rutgers University Foundation
Phonothon '93
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New Brunswick, NJ 08901-1261

Dean's Message

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Quads, where the problems occurred, were designed to foster an open, community feeling. But this design makes them particularly vulnerable to vandalism and entrance by outsiders. The College has recommended a series of education, self-policing and structural changes to combat the security difficulties.

Otherwise, Livingston seems to be on a roll! Despite the budget cuts by Trenton (write to your state representatives!), enrollments are up, staff is enthusiastic, faculty is more involved, and others in New Brunswick continue to notice and admire us. I hope you will take time to become active in College affairs. Whether its in the self-study 'focus groups', in the alumni association, in the fundraising telethon, or in all of the above, we need you!

Reunion Alert!

Classes of 1973, 1978, 1983, 1988:

It's time to start planning!

For information and assistance, call Jotham Johnson, Department of Alumni Relations, at (908) 932-6773.

LAA Notes

by Jeff Isaacs
LC '84

LAA Greet Frosh

For the fifth year in a row, Livingston Alumni Association representatives were on campus during freshman orientation to welcome the incoming freshmen. This year the LAA distributed combination highlighter/pens to all freshmen in attendance.

LAA Awarded Federal Tax Exempt Status

Early last November, the Livingston Alumni Association was granted federal tax exempt status by the Internal Revenue Service, under Sec. 501(c), retroactive to February 18, 1992.

This is a significant event for the LAA as it allows us to receive contributions by members and friends while offering the benefit of a tax deduction to the contributor. In addition, this has afforded us the ability to apply to the State of New Jersey for state sales tax exemption (which is now 6%). Results of this application will appear in our summer issue.

I would also like to acknowledge Chris Berzinski, '80 and Bill Bowman, '82 for their important contributions to this effort.

New Card on the Block

Coming soon to a mail box near you, the MBNA Rutgers University affinity MasterCard!

Last fall the R.U. Alumni Federation voted to replace the current NatWest affinity card with MBNA's — MBNA is the largest issuer of affinity cards in the U.S. and it is their only business!

The major advantages of MBNA's card are the choice of a fixed or variable interest rate, an optional gold card for those who desire greater credit lines, and most importantly, every time you use your MBNA MasterCard, MBNA will donate a percentage of the dollar value of your purchase to the R.U. Alumni Federation. This helps the RUAF to provide all the programs, services and scholarships that they offer at no cost to you.

Why choose another? Apply today and support your alma mater.

YES! Sign me up as a member of the Livingston Alumni Association!

Enclosed is my check for $_____, ($15 annual, $200 Lifetime) made payable to the LAA.

Name _____

Address _____

College Year _____

Telephone _____

Clip this coupon and mail it and your check to:

Livingston Alumni Association
Winants Hall, 7 College Ave.
New Brunswick, NJ 08901-1262

Reunions

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believe it?) he didn't think it was danceable! It was a fun evening over all!

Looking forward to seeing more of you for the Big 10! Thanks to the following people for their time and hard work (especially under heavy schedules and deadlines):

Lorna Kirby

Maria & Eric Weathers

Linda (Schumacher) Zytynski

Adeline Beaubrun

Join the LAA Now!

Here's what your membership gets you:

- ✓ Biannual subscription to the LAA newsletter "News from the Rock"
- ✓ Quarterly subscription to "Rutgers Magazine"
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What are you waiting for? Join today!

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Livingston College Pride Award Presented at 1992 Graduation

by Bill Bowman
LC '82

For the past three years, the Livingston Alumni Association has honored a graduating senior with the Livingston College Pride Award. The award was founded to acknowledge that senior who, during his or her tenure at Livingston, best exemplified the college's founding ideals.

The 1992 award, presented at commencement, was given to Daniel Molloy.

During his time at the college, Daniel showed himself to be a tireless worker in the battle to make the college and Rutgers University a more accessible place for those with physical handicaps.

Daniel, who is himself wheelchair bound, donated his time to present lectures to students and staff on the many obstacles faced by physically challenged people. He also lobbied the university administration to provide university buildings with more handicapped-accessible entrances and exits.

The LAA Executive Council extends its warmest congratulations and best wishes to Dan Malloy.

Honorary LAA Member Is Named

by Bill Bowman
LC '82

Rebecca Eden Crawford, sister of the late Michael Eden, '75, was named an Honorary Member of the class and a Life member of the Livingston Alumni Association by the LAA Executive Council.

The designation came in appreciation of a $200 donation Crawford made to the LAA in the name of her late brother.

Eden, who worked for the state Bureau of Parole, died in February, 1992 of AIDS-related kidney failure.

In a letter to the LAA, Crawford said she made the donation "as a gesture to make Michael's name have a face in your organization."

First Notice:
Maureen McGovern Concert to Benefit Lynton Scholarship Fund!

Livingston alumni and friends are invited to join the LAA for a special musical evening, Saturday, April 24, 1993, when singer Maureen McGovern will be appearing with the New Jersey Symphony Orchestra at the State Theater in New Brunswick. Tickets for the 8 p.m. concert will be priced at approximately $30 and will include an after-show reception. A portion of the price of each ticket purchased through the LAA will be donated to Livingston College's Ernest Lynton Scholarship Fund. Look for more details in the mail, or call Jotham Johnson, Department of Alumni Relations, at (908) 932-6773.

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